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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS				DEFENDANTS						
OLIVIA ROJAS				APPOLLO IMPORTS INC. and						
				APPOLLO SCOOTERS						
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(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address,	and Telephone Number)			Attorneys (If Known)						
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

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- **L(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.
- V. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
 - Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date. Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407

Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7. Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.

- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity. Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.

 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.

 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: 1221 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 1	19147
Address of Defendant: 2915 Ogletown Road, #3696, Newark, Delaware	
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
RELATED CASE IF ANY: Case Number:	owing questions: d suit pending or within one year re same transaction as a prior suit is court? t already in suit or any earlier ated action of this court? rity appeal, or pro se case filed Yes No X Yes No X Yes No X Yes No X
Attorney-at-Law (Must sign above	
Civil (Place a √ in one category only) A. Federal Question Cases: 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts) 2. FELA 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury 4. Antitrust 5. Wage and Hour Class Action/Collective Action 6. Patent 7. Copyright/Trademark 8. Employment 9. Labor-Management Relations 10. Civil Rights 11. Habeas Corpus 12. Securities Cases 13. Social Security Review Cases 14. Qui Tam Cases 15. All Other Federal Question Cases. (Please specify):	B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts 2. Airplane Personal Injury 3. Assault, Defamation 4. Marine Personal Injury 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify): 7. Products Liability 8. All Other Diversity Cases: (Please specify)
case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and Relief other than monetary damages is sought.	the case from eligibility for arbitration) ff, do hereby certify: of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action d costs:
DATE: January 10, 2024 Attorney-at-Law (Sign he.	

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OLIVIA ROJAS :

1221 S. Broad Street :

Philadelphia, PA 19147 : Plaintiff :

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V.

APOLLO IMPORTS INC. : CIVIL ACTION

2915 Ogletown Road :

#3696 : **No.**

Newark, Delaware, 19713 :

: **JURY TRIAL DEMANDED**

And

APOLLO SCOOTERS

642 Rue de Courcelle : 404 : :

Montreal, Quebec H4C 3C7, CA

:

Defendants.

CIVIL ACTION COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Olivia Rojas, alleges as follows:

THE PARTIES

- 1. Plaintiff, Olivia Rojas, is an adult individual who resides at 1221 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Plaintiff is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 2. Defendant, Apollo Imports, Inc., is a Delaware Domestic Corporation with its principal place of business located at 2915 Ogletown Rd, #3696, Newark, DE 19713.
- 3. Defendant, Apollo Scooters, is a corporation headquartered in Montreal Quebec with its principal place of business located at 642 Rue de Courcelle, 404, Montreal Quebec H4C 3C7, CA.

4. At all times material hereto, Defendants acted through their authorized employees, servants, agents, and/or apparent agents.

NATURE OF THE CASE

- 5. This is a personal injury case arising out of an incident which occurred on or about May 10, 2023 on Broad Street near its cross-section with Carpenter Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 6. On or about May 10, 2023, Plaintiff suffered serious bodily injuries while riding the Apollo City electric scooter due to the unsafe, dangerous, defective design and/or manufacture of the scooter, which was designed, manufactured, and/or placed into the stream of commerce by Defendants Apollo Imports Inc. and Apollo Scooters.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 7. Jurisdiction is based upon the diversity of citizenship of the parties. Plaintiff is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Defendant Apollo Imports Inc. is a citizen of the State of Delaware. Defendant Apollo Scooters is a citizen of Canada.
- 8. The amount in controversy in this case exceeds the sum of \$75,000 exclusive of interest and costs.
- 9. Venue lies with this Honorable Court by virtue of the fact that the accident giving rise to this action took place in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania within the geographic boundaries of the Eastern District.

FACTS

10. On or about October 14, 2021, Plaintiff received an Apollo City electric scooter as a gift from her aunt. The product was delivered to Plaintiff's home in its original packaging.

- 11. On or about May 10, 2023, Plaintiff was riding the Apollo City electric scooter on Broad Street near its cross-section with Carpenter Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 12. As she was riding the scooter, the scooter's folding mechanism unexpectedly engaged and the stem collapsed, causing Plaintiff to be thrown from the scooter.
- 13. As a result of the incident, Plaintiff sustained injuries including but not limited to an ulnar fracture of her right wrist, functional injuries, and cellulitis of her legs.
- 14. The accident and injuries were caused by the combined liability-producing conduct of Defendants, consisting of designing, manufacturing, producing, selling, and placing into the stream of commerce defective products, and by failing to exercise reasonable care in designing, marketing, selling, and using the products.
- 15. Plaintiff has been required to undergo medical, rehabilitative, and related care and treatment for her injuries.
- 16. Plaintiff has been left with severe nerve damage and permanent scarring and disfigurement.
- 17. As a result of the incident and injuries, Plaintiff has in the past and will in the future suffer severe physical and psychological pain and suffering, a loss of life's pleasures, and embarrassment.
- 18. As a result of the incident and injuries, Plaintiff has suffered a loss of earnings and/or reduction in her earning capacity.
- 19. As a result of the accident and injuries, Plaintiff has been required to expend certain sums of money for medical treatment and will be required to incur expenses for medical and related treatment indefinitely into the future.

COUNT I PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT APOLLO IMPORTS INC.

- 20. The Paragraphs above are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 21. The accident and injuries were caused by the defective nature of the Apollo City electric scooter designed, manufactured, sold, supplied, and/or placed into the stream of commerce by Defendant Apollo Imports, Inc.
 - 22. The scooter was defective in the following particulars:
 - a. The product lacked adequate warnings;
 - b. The scooter lacked features necessary to make it safe for its intended use;
 - c. The scooter contained design features which made it unsafe for its intended purpose;
 - d. The scooter was designed in such a way that the scooter's folding mechanism could unexpectedly engage;
 - e. The utility of the scooter is greatly outweighed by the risks posed by the scooter to its intended users.
- 23. The design and/or manufacture of the scooter failed to meet consumer expectations for safety of scooters marketed for use due to their inherent danger created by the scooters folding mechanism unexpectedly engaging.
- 24. The risk created by the design and/or manufacture of the scooter outweighed any possible benefits of the utility of the scooter.
- 25. The scooter that caused the Plaintiff's injury may have been manufactured out of conformity with its design that allowed the scooter's folding mechanism to unexpectedly engage and collapse.
- 26. Defendant Apollo Imports Inc. is strictly liable to Plaintiff by virtue of the fact that it marketed, sold, supplied, and/or placed into the stream of commerce the defective product that caused Plaintiff's injuries as described herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Olivia Rojas, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendant Apollo Imports, Inc. individually, jointly, and severally with Co-Defendant, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

COUNT II PLAINTIFF v. DEFENDANT APOLLO SCOOTERS

- 27. The Paragraphs above are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 28. The design and/or manufacture of the scooter failed to meet consumer expectations for safety of scooters marketed for use due to their inherent danger created by the scooters folding mechanism unexpectedly engaging.
- 29. The risk created by the design and/or manufacture of the scooter outweighed any possible benefits of the utility of the scooter.
- 30. The scooter that caused the Plaintiff's injury may have been manufactured out of conformity with its design that allowed the scooter's folding mechanism to unexpectedly engage and collapse.
- 31. Defendant Apollo Scooters is strictly liable to Plaintiff by virtue of the fact that it marketed, sold, supplied, and/or placed into the stream of commerce the defective product that caused Plaintiff's injuries as described herein.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Olivia Rojas, demands judgment in her favor and against Defendant Apollo Scooters individually, jointly, and severally with Co-Defendant, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs.

Plaintiff Olivia Rojas

By her attorneys,

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Dated: January 10, 2024

VERIFICATION

Olivia Rojas says, subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities, that she is the named Plaintiff, that she is authorized to make this Verification on her behalf, and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Complaint are true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

Olivia Rojas